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March 2026 – Newsletter

New events on the calendar below are those events that are written in red.

FONF are planning a 'Makers Fayre' at the Country Club – we will let you know more when the date is decided, this is likely to be in June.

If your child has a sickness bug, they should remain off school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick. Thank you for your cooperation.

Y2 have taken part in a skipping project this morning (Monday 2nd March) and they will be attending a skipping competition some time in June (date to be confirmed). Last year's Y2s won the competition! We have some skipping ropes available for purchase in the school office for the children in Y2. The ropes cost £5 and will give the children an opportunity to practise at home. The Y2 class were really impressive with their skipping skills! Will we be winners this year??

Parking

Please do not park on the yellow lines at pick up or drop off times. **The school council** has been and will continue to monitor this over the next few weeks as well as our community police officers and parking enforcement services. These lines are there to keep all of children and families SAFE.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Debts

There are large amounts of debts on Parent Pay mounting up for Breakfast Club and School Dinners. Please ensure these are settled as soon as possible. We may stop attendance at breakfast club if the debt becomes too large. Thank you for your support with this.

Please remember the price for Breakfast Club is due to increase on the 1st April 2026 to £4.25 per session.

FONF

FONF will be selling preloved uniform during parents' evenings **for 50p per item!** If you would like to buy some uniform for **50p** please bring some change along at parent's evening and stock up! FONF will also be holding an Easter Cake Sale after the Easter Bonnet parade on 27/3/26. Grab some cakes at the end of the day for you and your family.

Don't forget The Mayor's Walk & Wheel Challenge 2026

We have registered our school to take part in the Mayors Walk and Wheel challenge during May. The challenge is back with **Living Streets for 'Walk to School week'** - May 18th – 21st and we would love our children to join in. There are opportunities to win fantastic prizes for our school including bikes, scooter parking, or a VIP cycling workshop with 3 time Olympic gold Cyclist Ed Clancy OBE. During the week 18th to 21st May, please cycle or walk to school and send any photos to Mrs Bell of your active travel and I will forward these on!

Sports News:

Football: The Y5/6 girls played their local league games last week and were outstanding. They were competitive in all their matches and showed skill, enthusiasm, teamwork and great sportsmanship. They competed against two sides from Mundella, St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodseats and Carfield. After all five games had been played they had won 4 (1-0, 3-0, 1-0, 1-0) and lost only once (1-0). The team finished in a very creditable second place! Well done to everyone involved, playing in different positions and volunteering to share the role of goalkeeper. You were a credit to the school! Team: Ruby, Isla, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Sadie, Harnam, Sapphire (3 goals), Sophia (2 goals) and Amber (1 goal).

Netball: Our Netball team played at Mylnhurst last week and the girls were fantastic, they played really well but eventually lost 4-1. Well done to all the girls who represented our school – Tamara, Molly, Cherry, Elizabeth, Sapphire, Amber and Sadie.

Cross Country City Championships: At the weekend, the City Championships took place in Graves Park. Our usual team of runners were supported by some new faces which meant we had 3 teams running in 3 of the 4 categories – Y3/4 girls, Y3/4 boys and Y5/6 boys. A team is made up of 4 children. We nearly had two teams in the Y5/6 girl's race (just two girls short). The children were amazing and were a credit to the school. First counters for our teams were - **Isla Crookes** in the Y3/4 girls (**33rd/140girls**), **Jacob Owens** in the Y3/4 boys' race (**13th out of 160 boys**). **Harnam Sangha** finished **21st out of 113** Y5/6 girls and **Parker Owens** finished **27th out of 150** Y5/6 boys. All the children were brilliant and showed great team work. Thank you for supporting the school! Special thanks to two children who are now in Y7 who came down and helped Mrs Bell to get the results to the pavilion at the end of each race – Jesse and Zaevian.

A very big Thank you to Holly Sackey who donated some smaller size Cross Country tops! THANK YOU

Dates 2026	Event
Mon 2 nd March 2026	Y2 Skipping Festival in school
Thurs 5 th March 2026	World Book day – dress up as your favourite book character!
Fri 6 th March 2026	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew – all day
Weds 11 th March 2026	Rock Steady Concert – Parents invited at 10am
Thurs 12 th March 2026	Y5/6 Gymnastics competition at Graves. Mrs Copeman will be taking the children to the event. Letter to follow. 11:45 – 3:15
Fri 13 th March 2026	Y3/4 Gymnastics competition at Graves. Mrs Copeman will be taking the children to the event. Letter to follow. 11:45 – 3:15
Mon 16 th March 2026	Y5 trip to Magna as part of their science topic.
Tues 17 th March – Fri 20 th March	Scholastic Book Fayre in school. Books available after school.
Thurs 19 th March 2026	Hen Harrier Awareness Day – dress in white or brown. We will also announce the winners of the Art competition,
Tues 24 th March 2026	Y4 to the Network Games at EIS – 12:45 – 3:15pm. The children may be slightly later returning to school depending on traffic.
Tues 24 th March 2026	Y2 trip to Manor Castle – details to follow.
Weds 25 th March 2026	Parents Evening from 3:30pm to 6:30pm – you will receive an email to book an appointment, Contact the class teachers if you don't receive an email.
Thurs 26 th March 2026	Parents Evening from 3:30pm to 6:30pm – you will receive an email to book an appointment, Contact the class teachers if you don't receive an email.
Thurs 26 th March 2026	FS, KS1 and KS2 Easter Service at St James' Church – 9:15am
Fri 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term Easter Bonnet Parade 2:30pm – Children are asked to make an Easter Bonnet at home and we will hold a parade for parents at the end of term. There will also be an Easter Cake Sale run by FONF at the end of the school day.
School Closed for Easter Holidays – Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April	
Monday 13 th April 2026	School re-opens for children – Monday 13th April 2026
Thurs 23 rd April 2026	Taylor Shaw themed meal for St George's Day.
Sat 25 th April 2026	Cross Country Relays at Longley Park.
Fri 8 th May 2026	Y4/Y5 Dance Competition at Mylnhurst – details to follow
Mon 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs tests begin. GOOD LUCK Y6
Mon 18 th May – Thurs 21 st May 2026	Mayors Walk and Wheel challenge – walk or cycle to school this week. How many of you can take on the challenge?
Tuesday 19 th May 2026	Our History Day with a focus on the 1960s – everyone is invited to dress up and travel back in time to the 60s. Each class will be learning something about the 1960s from toys to politics!

Wednesday 20th May 2026	African Dance and Drumming day for the whole school with Zamble African Dance Company
Friday 22nd May 2026	School Closed to Children –Training Day
Monday 1st June -12th June 2026	Y4 Multiplication Test takes place over these two weeks. See Mr Holland for further information.
Friday 5th June 2026	Environment Day in school - further details to follow
Monday 8th June - Fri 12th June 2026	Y1 Phonics Screening Test – Please speak to Ms Sewell for further information.
Week commencing 15th June 2026	The Y2s will be invited to a skipping festival this week at Canon Medical Arena – date to be confirmed.
Sat 6th June 2026	Race for Life Pretty Muddy Kids obstacle course for children aged 6 - 12 at Graves Park.
Thursday 25th June	City Finals for Athletics (Y5/6).
Tuesday 30th June 2026	Sports Day – KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. KS1 will start at 10:15am. Family picnic 12 – 1pm and KS2 will start at 1:15pm. FONF will be providing refreshments on the day.
Tuesday 7th July	Y6 Trip to the theatre to see the Karate Kid – evening performance
Wednesday 8th July	Y5 trip to the Theatre to see the Karate Kid – afternoon performance
Weds 8th and 9th July	Y6 Transition days for the children who are going to attend Meadowhead school.
Tuesday 14th July	Y6 Leavers Meal – Y6 choose the menu for the day
Friday 17th July	LAST DAY of term
Monday 20th July	Training Day – School closed to children.